

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No. PCT/KR2004/002247
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7 A61K 31/352

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
Korean patents and applications for inventions since 1975Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	KIM et al, 'Effect of DA-6034, a derivative of flavonoid, on experimental animal models of inflammatory bowel disease', Arch. Pharm. Res. 1999, Vol.22(4), pp.354-360 See the whole document.	1 - 15
A	US 6025387 A (DONG A PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.) 15 Feb. 2000 See the whole document.	1 - 15
A	US 5399584 (THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY) 21 Mar. 1995 See the whole document.	1 - 15
A	EP 505937 A1 (GEYMONAT S.P.A.) 30. Sep. 1992 See the whole document.	1 - 15

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Group I : Claims 1-3, 9-15 are directed to the monohydrate of 7-carboxymethoxy-3',4',5-trimethoxyflavone, preparation method and uses thereof.

Group II : Claims 4-8 are directed to the preparation method of 7-carboxymethoxy-3',4',5-trimethoxyflavone (nonhydrate).

The inventions listed as Group I and II do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because Group II does not have the technical feature regarding monohydrate of formula 1 which Group I has.

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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